

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-13, 21-27, and 29 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are rejected. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 14-28 are withdrawn. Claim 29 has been added.

Applicants filed an Amendment on March 29, 2005, which included amendments to several claims in the application. In a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 16, 2005, the Examiner asserted that the Amendment was non-compliant because the listing of claims did not include the proper status identifier for several of the withdrawn claims. In a telephone interview on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the Examiner explained to the Applicants' representative that the status of each of the withdrawn claims (14-28) should be indicated as either "withdrawn" or "withdrawn - currently amended." Accordingly, Applicants have re-presented the text of all pending claims, and have indicated the proper status of each withdrawn claim. Apart from this correction, the text pertaining to claims 1-29, including amendments thereto, is identical to that of the Amendment dated March 29, 2005.

Conclusion

Accordingly, consideration or reconsideration of these claims, as appropriate, is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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